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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 22-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 01/22/00	Previous Week 01/15/00
Bro-Fry	147,587	160,954
Lt Hens	2,009	2,099
Hvy Hens	1,284	1,335

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 08-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)**

Head
Last Week
Same Wk Yr Ago
To Date 1999
To Date 1998
(R) Revised

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Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
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Head
Last Week
Same Wk Yr Ago
To Date 1999
To Date 1998

N O T A V A I L A B L E

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 15-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	156,486 (A)	2,149	1,283	3,432
Avg Wt	5.10	3.35	8.01	5.09
Last Week	155,587	2,007	1,626	3,633
Same Week Yr Ago	155,640	2,252	1,470	3,722
Avg Wt	5.10	3.45	8.27	5.35
To-Date/1999	312,073	4,156	2,909	7,065
To-Date/1998	310,958	4,388	2,860	7,248

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 148.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.4 million head or 9.9 million head less than or 107 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending January 08, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	25,525	37,437	44,153
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.07
% Of Total /1	24%	35%	41%
Comparisons			
Last Week	22,793	29,077	37,573
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.13
% Of Total /1	25%	33%	42%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	30,595	34,202	46,991
Avg Weight	3.81	4.77	6.09
% Of Total /1	27%	31%	42%
To Date/2000	25,525	37,437	44,153
To Date/1999	30,595	34,202	46,991
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 08-Jan-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total
Head	3,545	2	20	3,567
Avg Wt	27.06	28.00	26.55	27.06
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	5,103	34	30	5,167
Same Week Yr Ago	4,575	21	12	4,608
Avg Wt	27.66 (B)	25.24	27.75	27.65
To-Date/2000	3,545 (B)	2	20	3,567
To-Date/1999	4,575 (B)	21	12	4,608

(B) Includes 0 fryer-roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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